



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Art Unit NA

Examiner NA

In Re:

Tom McBeath

Case:

P8700

Serial No.:

10/735,129

Filed:

12/11/2003

Subject:

Smartjack for Fault-Testing Network Segments on Ethernet and Other

Internet Protocol Network Architectures

To:

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir,

Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. 1.97

Enclosed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) by Applicant listing one (1) reference. Applicant desires that the reference be entered in the above-referenced case as relevance dictates.

As prosecution has not begun in this case, in accordance with rule 1.97(b)(3), no additional fee is required. Please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-0534.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom McBeath

by Donald R. Boys

Reg. No. 35,074

Central Coast Patent Agency, Inc. P.O. Box 187 Aromas, CA 95004 (831) 726-1457

···斯·

RADEN

PTO/SB/08A (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

nder the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

| Substitute for form 1449/PTO | | | | Complete it Known | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|---|----|---------|------------------------|-------------|--|--|
| | | | | Application Number | 10/735,129 | | |
| INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT | | | | Filing Date | 12/11/2003 | | |
| | | | | First Named Inventor | Tom McBeath | | |
| | | | | Art Unit | NA | | |
| (Use as many sheets as necessary) | | | essary) | Examiner Name | NA | | |
| not | 1 | of | 1 | Attorney Docket Number | P8700 | | |

| | | | U. S. PATENT D | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. ¹ | Document Number Number-Kind Code ^{2 (# known)} | Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear |
| | | ^{US-} 2003/0115368 A | | Wu | |
| | | US- | | | |
| | | US- | | | |
| | | US- | | | |
| | | US- | - | | - |
| _ | | US- | | | |
| | | US- | | | |
| | | US- | | | |
| | | US- | | | |
| | | US- | | | |
| | | US- | | | |
| | | US- | | | |
| | | US- | | . | |
| | | US- | | | |
| • | | US- | | · | |
| | | US- | | | |
| | | US- | | | |
| | | US- | | | |
| | | US- | | | |

| FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|--|
| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. ¹ | Foreign Patent Document | Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear | П | |
| | | Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known) | | | | Т | |
| | | | | | | L | |
| | | | | | | ┡ | |
| | | ,, and the control of | | | | ┝ | |
| | | | | | | r | |
| | | | | | <u> </u> | 屵 | |

| | | |
|-----------|------------|----------|
| Examiner | Date | <u>-</u> |
| Signature | Considered | |

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. The reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS.

Certificate of Express Mailing

"Express Mail" Mailing Label Number: **EV411305066US**

Date of Deposit: <u>01/27/2004</u> Ref: Case Docket No.: <u>P8700</u>

First Named Inventor: Tom McBeath

Serial Number: <u>10/735,129</u> Filing Date: <u>12/11/2003</u>

Title of Case: Smartjack for Fault-Testing Network Segments on Ethernet and

Other Internet Protocol Network Architectures

I hereby certify that the attached papers are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. 1.10 on the date indicated above and addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington D.C. 20231

- 1. Information Disclosure Statement.
- 2. Cover Letter for Information Disclosure Statement.
- 3. Copy of 1 publication cited in the IDS.
- 4. Certificate of express mailing.
- 5. Postcard listing contents.

Mark A. Boys

(Typed or printed name of person mailing paper or fee)

(Signature of person mailing paper or ree)